

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A composite netting comprising:

a continuous netting having a multiplicity of openings that are liquid and vapor permeable; and

a plurality of breathable material panels periodically overlaying said continuous netting over its length such that said continuous netting extends along its length beyond the limits of each of said breathable material panels and extends along its width at least substantially to the limit of each of said breathable material panels, the breathable material panels each being partially attached to the continuous netting at preselected intervals along the length of the netting leaving exposed netting between the breathable material panels, the breathable material panels being substantially vapor permeable and liquid impermeable, the partial attachment of the breathable material panels to the continuous netting being such that at least one preselected part of each of the plurality of breathable material panels is physically attached to at least one preselected part of the netting.

2. (original) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein the remainder of each breathable material panel is not attached to the netting so that when the continuous netting is stretched lengthwise, the breathable material panels are not correspondingly stretched lengthwise.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein the continuous netting is substantially rectangular, ~~and has a preselected netting length and width, the breathable panel~~

~~having a preselected panel length and width, the netting length being greater than the panel length, and the netting width being greater than or substantially equal to the panel width.~~

5. (original) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of breathable material panels is substantially rectangular, and has a preselected panel length and width, the panel width being selected to be substantially equal to a width of a spoilable item to be wrapped, and the panel length being selected to be substantially equal to the circumference of the spoilable item to be wrapped.

6-7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein the preselected intervals are selected to be equal to about 2.5 times a circumference of a spoilable item to be wrapped.

9. (original) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein the breathable material panel has a leading edge and a trailing edge and each breathable material panel is attached to the netting along the leading edge of the breathable material panel.

10. (original) The composite netting of claim 9, wherein the leading edge of each breathable material panel is separated from the trailing edge of another breathable material panel by a preselected distance.

11. (previously presented) The composite netting of claim 9, wherein the preselected distance is selected to be at least about 1.5 times the circumference of a spoilable item to be wrapped.

12. (canceled)

13. (withdrawn) A composite netting for baling agricultural produce with a mechanized baling device, the netting comprising:

one or more netting segments of a continuous netting, each netting segment having a segment length that is preselected to be substantially equal to about 2.5 times the circumference of a bale of a spoilable item; and

one or more breathable material panels arranged on the continuous netting, each panel having a preselected length and width, each breathable material panel being partially attached to a netting segment, the partial attachment of the breathable material panels to the netting segments being such that each of the plurality of breathable material panels is connected in at least one preselected part thereof to a respective netting segment.

14. (withdrawn) The composite netting of claim 13, wherein the remainder of each breathable material panel is not attached to the respective netting segment, but is substantially aligned with and proximate to or contiguous with a corresponding part of a netting segment, such that when one of the netting segments is stretched lengthwise, the corresponding breathable material panel is not stretched lengthwise.

15. (withdrawn) The composite netting of claim 13, wherein each breathable material panel is attached only along one of its edges to the respective netting segment, enabling each netting segment to expand or contract without substantially effecting the dimensions of the breathable material panel to which it is attached.

16. (withdrawn) The composite netting of claim 13, wherein each breathable material panel has a leading edge and a trailing edge, the breathable material panel being attached to the netting along the leading edge.

17-26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) A composite netting comprising:

a continuous netting having a multiplicity of openings, which are liquid and vapor permeable;

a plurality of breathable material panels overlying and partially attached to the continuous netting at preselected intervals along the length of the netting such that a portion of the continuous netting is exposed between each of the partially attached plurality of breathable material panels, the breathable material panels being substantially permeable to water vapor and substantially impermeable to liquid water.

28. (original) The composite netting of claim 27, wherein the partial attachment of the breathable material panels to the continuous netting is such that when the continuous netting is stretched, the breathable material panels do not stretch or vice versa.

29. (canceled)

30. (withdrawn) The composite netting of claim 13, wherein the one or more breathable material panels include a preselected panel length greater than the circumference of a bale of a spoilable item.

31.-32. (canceled)

33. (previously presented) The composite netting of claim 4, wherein the preselected panel length being greater than the circumference of the spoilable item to be wrapped so that, when a spoilable item is wrapped, the breathable panel forms at least one layer of breathable material around the circumference of the spoilable item and an additional layer of breathable material at least partially around the circumference of the spoilable item.

34. (previously presented) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with the netting of claim 1.

35. (previously presented) The round bale of claim 34, wherein at least a portion of the continuous netting includes a cut along a centerline of the netting, the cut having a length that is substantially equal to the circumference of the bale.

36. (previously presented) The round bale of claim 34, wherein the round bale includes agricultural produce.

37. (previously presented) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein the continuous netting includes a first section, a second section, and a third section between the first and second sections, the third section includes the attachment to the breathable material panels, and the first and second sections each having a length greater than the circumference of an item to be wrapped.

38. (previously presented) A round bale wrapped about its circumference with the netting of claim 27.

39. (previously presented) The round bale of claim 38, wherein at least a portion of the continuous netting includes a cut along a centerline of the netting, the cut having a length that is substantially the circumference of the bale.

40. (previously presented) The round bale of claim 38, wherein the round bale includes agricultural produce.

41. (previously presented) The composite netting of claim 27, wherein the breathable material panels do not stretch lengthwise when the continuous netting stretches lengthwise.

42. (previously presented) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of breathable material panels has a length greater than the circumference of a bale of a spoilable item.

43. (new) The composite netting of claim 1, further comprising indicators permitting the bale to be seen from a distance.

44. (new) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein said preselected part of each of the plurality of breathable material panels is physically attached to said at least one preselected part of the netting at a leading edge of said breathable materials panels.

45. (new) The composite netting of claim 44, wherein said attachment along said leading edge is discontinuous.

46. (new) The composite netting of claim 1, wherein said attachment is achieved via welding, adhesives, or attachment elements.

47. (new) A composite netting comprising:

a continuous netting having a multiplicity of openings which are liquid and vapor permeable, the continuous netting consisting of a plurality of adjacent portions of approximately equal dimensions, each of said portions being partially overlaid by a breathable material panel of dimensions smaller than the

corresponding dimensions of said portion, the breathable material panels each being only partially attached to the continuous netting, the breathable material panels being substantially permeable to water vapor and substantially impermeable to liquid water.